

Press Release

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Leesburg Welcomes New Public Information Officer

LEESBURG, FL – The City of Leesburg welcomes Derek Hudson as its newly appointed Public Information Officer.

For more than a decade Hudson worked as a public/media relations consultant and spokesman for Florida Department of Transportation improvement projects totaling more than \$700 million through four counties and 14 cities. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and former commissioned naval officer, he earned his MBA from the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College.

"Derek brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and energy to our community. I think Derek will make a huge difference in how the City organization communicates with the public and addresses our public relations mission. I am excited to have Derek on board and he will make a great addition to our management team." said Al Minner City Manager.

"One of my primary goals," said Hudson, "is to build public awareness and interest about the City's ongoing accomplishments."

The community and local media will have an opportunity meet Mr. Hudson when the Leesburg City Council hosts a meet-and-greet at 5 p.m. Monday, May 9 at Leesburg City Hall, 501 West Meadow Street. For more information, call (352) 728-9786, extension 1121.

Leesburg is a progressive city of more than 21,000 residents in northwest Lake County. The city government serves twice as many people with its electric, gas, water, wastewater and fiber-optic public utilities. Leesburg also is a central hub for commerce, attracting 50,000 people to work each weekday. For more information, visit www.leesburgflorida.gov.